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To: Iowa VFC Providers

From: Iowa VFC Program

RE: 2024-2025 VFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Prebook - January 17 - 31, 2024

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is prebooking influenza vaccine for the 2024-2025 influenza season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has established influenza vaccine contracts with AstraZeneca Pharm, GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi Pasteur, and Seqirus USA, Inc. The program anticipates the contracts will have adequate doses of influenza vaccine to meet all provider orders. In the event insufficient doses of vaccine are available, the Iowa VFC Program will contact providers to discuss order options.

Please use the following information to determine accurate VFC influenza vaccine prebook amounts:

- Number of VFC-eligible children seen at the clinic in the previous year
- VFC influenza vaccine ordered the previous year (currently listed in IRIS in the Flu Prebook Window, 2023-24 VFC Flu Season)
- Influenza vaccine doses administered during the previous influenza season
- Vaccine wastage data from the previous year
- Order quantity should include the number of doses needed for each product, NOT the number of boxes or packages
- Review the <u>2024-25 VFC Influenza Vaccine Products</u> document for information related to influenza vaccine presentation and age indication

Providers will prebook influenza vaccine through the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). Instructions to prebook 2024-25 VFC seasonal influenza vaccine are available in the Influenza Vaccine Prebook Instructions.

Providers who do not prebook VFC influenza vaccine may not be able to receive VFC influenza vaccine for the 2024-25 influenza season. Additional doses of VFC influenza vaccine may not be available to order after the prebooking process. Please complete the VFC Influenza Prebook in IRIS as soon as possible, but no later than January 31, 2024.

## Important Note about Vaccines Formulation for the 2024-25 Season

Following the October 5, 2023, Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) Meeting, FDA provided direction for manufacturers to plan for a transition to trivalent flu vaccine. As a result, flu vaccines available for the 2024-25 season may reflect a mixture of trivalent and quadrivalent vaccines. If a mixture of vaccines is available, both trivalent and quadrivalent flu vaccines will be recommended to protect children and adults against influenza during the 2024-25 season. The lowa VFC Program will communicate any valency or NDC changes in advance of the 2024-25 flu season.

If you have questions about prebooking VFC influenza vaccine, please contact the IRIS Help Desk at I-800-374-3958.